

Happy

Valentine's

Mom,
Thank you for your encouragement, support
and questions through the years. You were
and are a constant example of what a great
person I could become and I am still striving
to better – I love and thank you for that and so
much more. Happy Valentine’s Day.
Love,
Shanda

To: Mike
Happy V-day, Mike,
I love you and miss you, now and always...me
From: Nancy Shrope

To: Lisa
Love you always!
From: Kevin
P.S. Casey and Jordan, love ya too!

To: Mom and Dad,
You can not know how much your support has meant to me.
I couldn’t have done it without you
I miss you, I love you,
From: Jessie

To: Lisa, Zac and Maia,
You make me smile every day. I am so lucky to have such a
loving and supportive family. I love you all dearly.
From: John Casterline

To: Jen
Happy Valentine’s Day BabyDoll. You make my life more spe-
cial then I could have ever dreamed of. I Love you!
From: Corey

To: Clarence S. Harrison
The most wonderful husband in the world. I am so in love with
you and so blessed to have you in my life.
Love Michelle

To: Stew
Happy Valentines Day Honey Bunny! I love you with all of
my heart!!! XXXOOOXXXOOOXXX
From: Roberta

To: Yvonne
Mother of my children,
Heartfelt to the soul,
Of love and hope and peace and joy,
Forever ‘till we’re old.

With this gift I dedicate,
two score and four years,

Day

While the Feast
of St. Valentine
is no longer cel-

ebrated by the Catholic
grown so much by the
longer matters. Today an estimated one billion valentine cards are
sent each year according to the Greeting Card Association. That

Church, its popularity had
seventeenth century it no

makes it the second largest card sending
holiday of the year, just after Christmas.

The popularity of valentine greetings
goes as far back as the middle ages and
written valentines began to appear around
A.D. 1400.

Another Valentine’s Day legend is that
Charles, duke of Orleans, sent the first val-
entine card to his wife in 1415. At the time
the duke was imprisoned in the Tower of
London.

During the eighteenth century in Great
Britain all classes of people exchanged gifts
and greetings. By the end of the century,
printed cards began to overtake hand writ-
ten notes. And in the 1840 Esther Howland
began sell mass produced valentines in
America.

Cheaper postage rates and improvements
in printing technology contributed to this
shift. The eighteenth and nineteenth centu-
ries were also times when expressing feelings
were frowned upon by society so a greeting
card simplified expressing emotions.

So whatever way you say it, in card,
poem or person, Happy Valentine’s Day has

been around a long time. (Information from *www.historychannel*
.com, *http://penelope.uchicago.edu* and *www.americancatholic*
.org contributed to this article.)

Photo cutline: Senior Airman Richard Brown , 39th Civil Engineer Squadron
readiness journeyman, hugs Airman 1st Class Petra Sapp, 39th Security
Forces Squadron member, after she accepted his marriage proposal.
(Courtesy photo)

And celebrate undying love,
With cheerful, loving tears.

So go with me this precious day
And honor with me with your stay
I’ll be with you through thick and thin
And worship you ‘till the end.

I love you Yvonne, Happy Valentines Day 2005!!!!
From: Don

To: Esteban,
Thank you so much for being such a wonderful blessing in my
life and helping to make the last nine years amongst my happi-
est. Happy Valentine’s Day and Happy Anniversary.
Love,
Shanda

Shanda,
You are on my mind
and with the me of today.
And the me of tomorrow
loves the you of yesterday.

And when we’re old
And when we’re gone
I’ll always remember
You with me at Botcon.
-Esteban

To: Todd
Nineteen years is not enough. Thank you for being my part-
ner and best friend. PS How about eggs for dinner!
Love, Sharon

To: Donnie Timon
I STILL DO....YES
From: Mandy Timon

To: Tom,
You have all of my love and my respect forever. Happy
Valentine’s Day.
Love, Amy

To: all the PWOC ladies,
Happy Valentine’s Day! Remember above all, Jesus loves
you this day and always!
From: Amy

To: all my spinning buddies,
You brighten those early mornings!
Spinningly, Amy

